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Well, here is my opinion, just remember, you asked for it.

Should we really bite the hand that feeds us? How many people, companies, and organizations involved in the persecution of Microsoft use their products? I would be willing to bet most of them use them, if not at work, then at home.

Do you use Microsoft products? Is it because you are forced to, or simply because you like the product? People don't buy and use Microsoft products because they are the only choice; they buy them because they are the best choice. If you don't want to use the email program, the music player, or the messenger program that is included with Windows, then you simply choose not to install them when you install Windows. You do have that option. Granted that the software is pre-installed on bundled systems in the store, but the disks do come with the system. You can customize your installation by uninstalling certain things, or you can simply wipe it all off the hard drive and do a new installation, then only installing the things you want. Or, you can wipe it all off your hard drive and install a completely different operating system if you would like. Or, you can buy your computer somewhere that builds the systems so you're not getting a "package deal" with software you do not want. The truth is that the options are out there, but the general population does not know how to do these things. So, should we fault Microsoft for the lack of knowledge of the average Joe? I don't think SO.

This whole thing has been a pathetic waste of time and tax dollars. And most of all it is an insult to the American people. We make our own choices; we are not simply a group of robots marching to the beat